

All the Latest News and Gossip Gathered in the World of Sport

PRUNING KNIFE HANGS OVER NATIONALS' RECRUITS

Charlie Swain Will Go to Pacific Coast—Other Cuts Soon to Be Made.

By WILLIAM PEEK.
Atlanta, Ga., April 5.—Like the sword of Damocles, Manager Jim McAlleer's pruning knife is hanging over the heads of six of his recruit ball players and the latest to be lopped off is Chief Charlie Swain.

Swain and Manager Jim had a long talk this morning in the club house and when the Vancouver husky emerged his face was wreathed in smiles. "I will go to the Pacific Coast," he said. "I will probably go back to the Pacific Coast. Had a nice chat with the boss and told him that if he decided he could not use me to ship me to the Golden Gate, and he has promised to do so."

McAlleer was asked about the matter and replied in his usual diplomatic manner. "I have not decided just what I will do with Swain. He has expressed a wish to be sent to his old stomping ground in case I do not want him and I have promised to send him there, but I have not yet decided whether to let him out."

The plain, unvarnished truth about Swain is this: He is too bulky for a major league club, and it is doubtful if he will ever graduate from the minors. He was touted by Cliff Blankenship as a heavy hitter, hence his trial with the Nationals. If Swain could convince McAlleer of his ability to clutch the ball in 30 style, he would be carried as a pinch hitter, but thus far he has not demonstrated any such ability.

Swain was obtained from the Vancouver club of the Northwest League upon recommendation of Cliff Blankenship, the old Washington catcher, and at the time the deal was pulled off Swain was hitting the ball at a terrific pace. Swain claims he could not get himself into proper condition down here to show what was in him. Personally he is a fine, clean-cut chap, with exemplary habits, and one of the most popular of the new recruits. It is likely that he will be carried back to Washington and then sent to California to the club offering the best inducements.

Owing to the heavy rain of Tuesday afternoon and night, the ball yard at Ponce de Leon Park was so badly mired up this morning that practice was out of the question.

All the players with the exception of Kid Elberfeld, Fred Corbin, and George Schaefer, who were out for a few days, were in the gymnasium, engaged in various forms of exercise, utilizing the space underneath the grandstand, some 20 feet long and 20 feet wide. The pitchers were enabled to work out for half an hour and got up a good sweat.

"Baby" Bunting, the Ustus collection, suggested a competition of hop, skip, and jump, which was pulled off, Eddie Alms landing top honors, with Charley Conway a close second.

Next came the standing broad jump, where Bob Groom, on account of his height, excelled, and finally a spirited game of league.

Manager McAlleer would not permit the boys to go at it too strenuously, fearing "charley horse," but the exercise was enjoyed by every one and the day was not wasted.

Outfielder Fred Corbin, who has been under the weather during the past three days, with a mild attack of pneumonia, was able to get into citizen's clothes this morning, and although a bit weak, says he will be right on the job tomorrow.

Manager McAlleer had another long talk with Walter Johnson this afternoon, but refused to give out anything for publication.

Bill Cunningham, owing to yesterday's lay off, accumulated several pounds in weight and worked like a beaver this morning to get rid of the peckey avoirdupois. He says he thinks he took off about a pound.

Owner McCaffrey, of the Toronto club, is here and says that his boys are going to land the Eastern League championship hands down.

"I'm going to play ball just six years more and then quit—settle down, get married, and read about you fellows," said Clyde Milan during a fanning bee last night.

"I mean it," the little outfielder added. "Just you wait and see. I am twenty-four years old now, and by the time I get to be thirty, I sure am going to retire."

"Who's the girl?" Walter Johnson asked.

"I'm not a point to tell you, but I've got her picked out and she is a queen, too," came the answer.

As the time draws near for the boys to pack up and hit the pike for Washington, non-tears sorry to leave Atlanta, although this morning appeals to most of the players, but they are getting a bit weary of the daily grind of practice, for McAlleer will not tolerate a laggard, and every member of his family is forced to work from the bell.

Tom Hughes has given all the youngsters pet names. These names are not at all complimentary, either. Hughes has dubbed Warren Miller "Fronton"; Bunting he calls "Bumma"; Conway, "Buntin"; Schaefer, "Corkin"; "Moonshiner"; Fred Sherry, "Madame Sherry"; and Bill Oley, "Bugs." Tom's nickname for Dixie Walker is spoken in a whisper, and would hardly look well published in a family newspaper.

"Do I look like a guy who got de mumps," cried Germany Schaefer, as he bounced blithely into the dining-room for breakfast. Monday morning, practically waving an Atlanta paper around his head.

"Look at this piece," he said, pointing to a paragraph which read that Schaefer was almost at death's door.

BIG LEAGUE GOSSIP

President Hodges, of St. Louis, is anxious to secure First Baseman Hohnhorst, of the Naps. There is no chance for Hohnhorst to get out of the league.

According to Charles Murphy, his Cub athletes will have to pay for laundering their own suits if they do not stop playing football in their uniforms. He says it is not only hard on the suits, but that they have to be washed every other day.

The Naps claim that if Joss and Young come through the Cleveland club will have a pitching staff which cannot be excelled. The more enthusiastic of the Naps players believe that even without these men the club's hurlers will register just as high as any other staff.

McGraw asserts it is only a question of a few years before practically every major league team will practice in Texas. He says the excellent condition of the Giants and White Sox at this time has convinced club owners that Texas is the only place to train in the spring.

Queerer things in the national frolic have developed than for the Athletics, winning a world's series one fall, to lose a city championship next spring. The Phillies, by slipping one across, can at least insert a dent in the crown now reposing upon Mr. Mack's pallid brow.

Branch Rickey, the former American League catcher, signed a contract to coach the baseball team of the University of Michigan. The terms call for \$100 per week for fifteen weeks during the 1912 season. During the remainder of the year he will practice law. He gets the doctor's degree from the university.

Dick Coffey, former big league player and owner of the Topeka club in the Western League last year, cannot keep out of the national game. He retired for good last fall when he sold the Topeka franchise, but he now is trying to buy the Salt Lake City franchise in the new Union League.

In his career as a league player, Jackson again in the Cleveland outfield, has been charged with 1,238 times at bat and has garnered 45 hits, which gives him the sweet average of .36 in four leagues in three years.

If Hugh Jennings keeps the Tigers from gambling hereafter he will save a lot of money for most of them. The crap game used to run into hundreds of dollars a week for the players. Now it will be a \$200 fine for any of them if they indulge in the game.

Boston Nationals will meet the Yale nine at New Haven, April 11. Boston already has a game scheduled at Lynn on that date, but the Yankees very likely will play against the New England Leaguers.

For the third successive time the Cardinals beat the Browns yesterday, 5 to 4. Steele and Powell were the pitchers.

Tooley, Brooklyn's new shortstop, seems to have made good on the training trip, and Dahlen is delighted with him.

Fred Beebe is pitching elegant ball for Dooin. His work on the spring trip has been of the classiest order.

Connie Mack thinks he has picked up a new star in a pitcher named Colanore. The boy looks like a sure winner.

Chalmers, who was touted as a second Basie, who has worked like a charm. Dooin believes he is a genuine wonder.

Bob Coulson has earned a regular job with Brooklyn, and is counted on as the garden mate to Wheat and Davidson of the club.

The White Sox will hardly answer to the name of hitless wonders if they keep up the slugging habits they have started on the training trip.

Manager Donovan is now forcing his Red Sox pitchers to go through the full nine innings in order to get the box men tuned up for the big games.

"Dutch" Revell, the Virginia League pitcher, now with the Yanks, is due to return to that circuit. This is his seventh venture under the mainpots and looks to be his last.

Christy Mathewson got the middle finger of his left hand nipped by a bat ball in practice, but while the finger is pretty sore it does not interfere with his pitching.

Sheldon Lejeune, the long-distance throwing champion, with the Dodgers, who was injured in an automobile accident at Knoxville, Tenn., will be out of commission for two weeks.

Mike Kahoe is zealous in his daily stint as the youngest rookie with the Washington team, and is among the first dressed for work and the last to take the car back to the hotel.

President Barrow, of the Eastern League, is going to land hard on umpire balsters. He was one of the best ones in the game himself, but evidently he has turned over a new leaf.

CRACK LOCAL GRAPPLER



JOE TURNER, who tackles Al Mansour to night at Gaiety Theater.

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EASTERN RACING SEASON COMMENCES

Antenor Makes Good Time in Heavy Going.

Jamestown, Va., April 5.—Antenor, a colt that carries the silks of W. P. Austin, celebrated the opening of the Eastern racing season by to-roping a pretty fifty furlong in the Victoria Hotel Purse this afternoon at the Jamestown Jockey Club course. Incidentally Antenor enabled Jimmy Blue, his trainer, and the latter's friends to gather in quite some golden fleeces for these gentlemen, who played him from 12 to 1 to 5 to 1.

The colt never disappointed his backers for an instant. He broke away in front, raced High Private off his feet, and then came on to win by three open lengths. Jockey Olsen, who rode Antenor, is known as the "Terrible Swede," but, despite his nomenclature, he knew enough to bring home the bacon. Montcalm, neglected at 10 to 1, beat High Private a length for the place. High Private was another alleged sure thing, but though his owner, C. C. Smithson, played him with enough confidence and coin to reduce his odds from 5 to 1 to 11 to 5, High Private was not there when they paid off.

Aspirin, which came here heralded as the Hindoo of Jacksonville, turned out to be a hoodoo in the event. The smart players backed him early from 4 to 5 to 3 to 5, but as the other birds began to receive support the great Aspirin got very frayed and soared to even money. And to add to the tragedy, he galloped like a 50 to 1 shot.

To show that Antenor was the real candy when it came down to the speed question, it may be mentioned that he traveled the six and a half furlongs in 1:22 over a heavy course and during a very annoying rainstorm.

After the final race Fred Miller and clerk, William Hickey, were taken into custody, and will be arraigned tomorrow. This was done to make another test case of the betting laws here, and the officials are confident that the result will be in their favor.

Because of a dispute between the pool interests and "Bob" Levy, promoter of the race meeting which started here today, telegraph wires have been banished from the track house.

THE SUMMARIES:
FIRST RACE—Four furlongs. Dragnet, 10 (Dugan), 11 to 20, won. Naughty Rose, 10 (Barr), 2 to 1, second. Alford, 10 (Dugan), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:21.5. Dragnet, 10 (Dugan), 11 to 20, won. Naughty Rose, 10 (Barr), 2 to 1, second. Alford, 10 (Dugan), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:21.5.

SECOND RACE—One mile and one-half. Nick-O-Nick, 10 (Turner), 10 to 1, won. Only one to finish. Time, 2:01.5. Nick-O-Nick, 10 (Turner), 10 to 1, won. Only one to finish. Time, 2:01.5.

THIRD RACE—Three furlongs and one-half. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5.

FOURTH RACE—Three furlongs and one-half. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5.

FIFTH RACE—Three furlongs and one-half. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5.

SIXTH RACE—Three furlongs and one-half. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5.

SEVENTH RACE—Three furlongs and one-half. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5.

EIGHTH RACE—Three furlongs and one-half. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5.

NINTH RACE—Three furlongs and one-half. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5.

TENTH RACE—Three furlongs and one-half. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5.

Eleventh RACE—Three furlongs and one-half. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5. Antenor, 10 (Olsen), 5 to 1, won. Montcalm, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, second. High Private, 10 (Dugan), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:22.5.

AUTOMOBILE NEWS AND GOSSIP

The work of improving the stretch of road between Conroe and Laurel, Md., will be started within the next ten days, according to "Cy" Cummings, a member of the State legislature.

"At the time of the awarding of the contracts they were given from both ends of the proposed highway, and it just happened that the appropriation ran out between Laurel and Conroe," said Mr. Cummings yesterday. "However, provision has been made for this section, and within the next ten days workmen will be on the job, improving the short stretch."

Emerson & Orme, agents for the Detroit-Electric, were yesterday informed that the Anderson Carriage Company, manufacturers of the Detroit-Electric, has closed an exclusive contract with the Edison Battery Company for its batteries.

"There will be more buyers of the medium-priced car this year than ever before," said Percy Stubbs, Eastern sales agent of the Hudson, who has been in the city for the last few days as a guest of H. E. Leary, agent for the car. "People are beginning to realize they can get as much service out of a medium-priced machine as they can out of a high-priced car."

The Warren-Detroit "Wolverine," which is at present in Albuquerque, N. Mex., is making a record trip across the continent, according to Norman Bowles, the local representative.

The Wilson Company has sold a Kirt roadster to A. J. Rieley.

The Pope Automobile Company yesterday delivered a Mack one-ton truck to the Rudolph-West Company.

Weather conditions this week have been anything but propitious for the selling of automobiles. However, one and all of the dealers are optimistic about prospects.

Miller Brothers' Auto and Supply Company has delivered Model T Ford touring cars to L. P. Smith and S. L. Moore, and a Model T runabout to W. Edgar Howser.

Technical and Western Make Same Score.

The eleventh week of the Inter-School Rifle Shooting League matches produced the first defeat for the Morris High School rifle team, of New York City, their victors being the Culver (Ind.) Military Academy, who made a score of 224 to Morris High's 213. The DeWitt Clinton High School team, of New York City, is still keeping up its fine work, again making a high score of 238. Four other clubs succeeded in passing the 200 mark.

By a strange coincidence, the two high schools of Washington—the McKinley Manual Training School and the Western High School—made the same score of 215. St. John's Military Academy, of Deland, Fla., reached 211, and the Deering High School, of Portland, Me., 205.

The result of the league matches for the week ending April 1, with the score and the standing of the teams to date, are as follows:

Conditions of the shooting: Teams of five boys, using .22-caliber rifles at fifty feet, each boy firing ten shots standing and ten shots prone, total individual score 200.

McKinley Manual Training School, Washington, D. C., 215, vs. Central High School, Philadelphia, Pa., 215. STANDING.

Western High School, Washington, D. C., 215, vs. Portland (Me.) High School, 205.

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REFEREE EXPLAINS FIGHT DECISION

Convinced After Sixth Round It Was Not Square.

Paris, April 5.—A weekly sporting paper gives Referee Eugene Corrie's explanation of his decision of a draw after the fight last Saturday night between Sam Langford and Sam McVey.

The decision has been ridiculed by all Paris, as it is generally thought Langford was entitled to the verdict.

Corrie says he was convinced that from the sixth round on neither of the fighters fought squarely. McVey wanted to quit after the sixth round, as he claimed that he sprained his hands. He continued, however, when Hugh McIntosh, the promoter, threatened to refuse to pay him a cent unless he went on with the match.

Corrie says he was not willing that either of the fighters should benefit by his decision, and so he announced that the fight was a draw.

YALE ROWS THREE RACES THIS YEAR

Big Four Colleges to Meet Old Eli.

New Haven, Conn., April 5.—With the announcement that Yale would row the University of Pennsylvania this year, the schedule of the Eli oarsmen has been completed. Harvard, Princeton, Cornell, and the Quakers will all figure as Yale's rivals.

Yale has never met as many prominent universities before on the water in the same season nor arranged so many races. Two has before been the limit for the varsity crew, but three will be rowed this season, the triangular Princeton and Cornell contest being the only one in which Yale will meet more than one rival.

Details for the race with the University of Pennsylvania are not settled, but President Randolph, of Yale, admitted to-day that the two universities had agreed to meet. It is Yale's wish that the race be rowed Saturday, May 13, as the feature spring regatta in New Haven Harbor.

Pennsylvania has not given consent to the proposition, although, as Yale went to Philadelphia two years ago for the first fricas with the Quakers, there seems no reason why Pennsylvania could not accept. It is, however, a possibility that this race will be rowed at Philadelphia as one of the events of the American Regatta, or that it will take place on a course not yet announced.

Manager Randolph said to-day that the report that New London had been seriously considered for the race